

DRAFT INDICATORS FOR THE JUSTICE SECTOR

Strategic goals	Indicator	Definition	Data source	Unit	Remarks	Regional benchmark
Independence Judicial system (judges and prosecutors) makes decisions without any restriction, improper influence, pressure, threat or fear of interference, direct or indirect, from any authority, including authorities internal to the judiciary	1. Judicial independence	Measures whether the civil and criminal justice systems are free of improper government or political influence.	Rule of Law Index https://worldjusticeproject.org/our-work/research-and-data/wjp-rule-of-law-index-2019 The RoL Index uses two sources of information that are then codified: 1. General Population Poll conducted by leading local polling companies, using a representative sample of 1,0001 respondents in each country; 2.Qualified Respondents' Questionnaires consisting of closed-ended questions completed by practitioners and academics with expertise in civil and commercial law, criminal justice, labour law, and public health.	Composite indicator	<p>Baseline (2018):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Civil justice is free of improper government influence score 0.40 - Criminal justice system is free of improper government influence score 0.39 <p>Explanation: The scores range from 0 to 1, where 1 signifies the highest possible score (strong adherence to rule of law) and 0 signifies the lowest possible score (weak adherence to rule of law). 0.40 & below weaker adherence to the rule of law 0.81 & above stronger adherence to the rule of law</p>	<p>Baseline (2018):</p> <p><u>Civil justice</u> is free of improper government influence score: Albania: 0.32 Bosnia and H: 0.45 Serbia: 0.34 Montenegro: no data Turkey: 0.19</p> <p><u>Criminal justice</u> system is free of improper government influence score: Albania: 0.37 Bosnia and H: 0.36 Serbia: 0.23 Montenegro: no data Turkey: 0.06</p> <p>(Select: Indicators 7.4 and 8.6 for each country)</p>

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		Calculates to what extent is the judiciary independent from influences of members of government, citizens, or private companies	Judicial independence (WEF), Index as part of the <i>Global Competitiveness Index</i> http://www3.weforum.org/docs/GCR2018/03CountryProfiles/WEF_GCI4_2018_Profile_Macedonia,_FYR.pdf	Composite indicator	<u>Baseline</u> (2018): value 2.3 <u>Explanation:</u> A scale of 1 (considered among the worst in the world) to 7 (considered among the best in the world) weighted average <u>NB:</u> the respondents are only from private sector and a very limited number. They respond to one question: to what extend is the judiciary independent from influences of government, citizens and private companies.	<u>Baseline value (2018):</u> Albania: 2.4 Bosnia and H: 2.4 Serbia: 3.0 Montenegro: 3.8 Turkey: 2.8 http://www3.weforum.org/docs/GCR2018/05FullReport/TheGlobalCompetitivenessReport2018.pdf
Efficiency <i>Judicial system makes delivery of quality decisions within a reasonable time following fair consideration of the issues.</i>	2. Clearance Rate ¹	Number of resolved cases divided by the number of incoming cases in one-year time ²	Judicial council reports	%	<u>Numerator:</u> 237,699 <u>Denominator:</u> 237,702 <u>Baseline:</u> (237,699 / 237,702) * 100; 99.99 % in 2018 <u>Explanation:</u> A clearance rate above 100 % means that the number of pending cases decreases. A ratio lower than 100% indicates that, during the period considered, the judicial system is unable to process a caseload equal to	NOTE: values are provided for the following sub-categories: civil cases – 1 st instance; civil cases – 2 nd instance, civil cases – highest instance; criminal cases – 1 st instance, criminal cases- 2 nd instance, criminal cases – highest instance (the values are listed in this order for each benchmark countries): <u>Baseline (2016):</u>

¹ Clearance rate represents the number of all types of incoming and resolved cases in all courts for 2018

² Number of incoming and resolved cases does not include: non-litigation cases as well as non-judiciary administrative work of judges

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		Number of resolved cases divided by the number of incoming cases in one-year time ³	Judicial council reports http://sud.mk/wps/portal/ssrm/sud/izvestai/svi/lut/p/z1/04_Sj9CPykssy0xPLMnMz0vMAflij08zidxNTAwsvA183A39LQwcQ_1DzSw93lwsvUz1w8EKDHAAARwP9KGL041EQhd_4cP0offZ4ORrjVxAaCIOAx5KC3NAIg0xPRQAhLKH8/dz/d5/L2dBISEvZ0FBIS9nQSEh/	%	<p>the number of new proceedings.</p> <p>Numerator: 511,548 Denominator: 503,781 Baseline: (511,548 / 503,781) * 100; 101.54 % in 2018</p>	<p>Albania: 99 %; n.a; n.a; 100%; 77 %; 101</p> <p>Bosnia&H: 115 %; 95 %; 109 %; 107 %; 98 %; 98 %</p> <p>Serbia: 94 %; 92 %; 84 %; 103 %; 100 %; 96 %</p> <p>Montenegro: 98 %; n.a.; 104 %; 114 %; 104 %; 99 %</p> <p>Turkey: 86 %; 77 %; 69 %; 94 %; 81 %; 103 %</p> <p>Source: CEPEJ report 2018</p> <p>Additionally, to the above list; the values for administrative cases for 2016 are provided below (1st, 2nd and highest instance):</p> <p>Albania: 98 %; n.a.; n.a. Bosnia and H: 118 %; 91 %; n.a.; Serbia: 89 %; n.a.; 112 % Montenegro: 88 %; n.a.; 95 % Turkey: 98 %; 23 %; 49 %</p> <p>Source: CEPEJ report 2018</p>

³ Number of incoming and resolved cases including non-litigation cases as well as non-judiciary administrative work of judges

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	3. Disposition Time ⁴	Number of pending cases at the end of the observed period divided by the number of resolved cases within the same period multiplied by 365 days ⁵	Judicial council reports	Number	<p>Numerator: 89,885 Demominator: 237,702 Baseline: (89,885/ 237,702)* 365; 138.02 days in 2018</p> <p>Explanation: The indicator determines the number of days necessary for a pending case to be solved in court</p>	<p>NOTE: values are provided for the following sub-categories: civil cases – 1st instance; civil cases – 2nd instance, civil cases – highest instance; criminal cases – 1st instance, criminal cases- 2nd instance, criminal cases – highest instance (the values are listed in this order for each benchmark countries):</p> <p>Baseline (2016): Albania: 159; n.a.; n.a.; 108; 413; 253 Bosnia&H: 574; 462; 368; 301; 77; 60 Serbia: 315; 180; 290; 274; 23; 63 Montenegro: 267; n.a.; 35; 145; 7; 26 Turkey: 399; 109; 437; 302; 83; 491</p> <p>Source: CEPEJ report 2018</p>

⁴ Disposition time includes all types of incoming and resolved cases in all courts for 2018

⁵ Number of resolved and pending cases does not include: non-litigation cases as well as non-judiciary administrative work of judges

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4. Pending cases ⁷		Number of pending cases at the end of the observed period divided by the number of resolved cases within the same period multiplied by 365 days ⁶	Judicial council reports http://sud.mk/wps/portal/ssrm/sud/izvestai/svi!ut/p/z1/04_Sj9CPykssy0xPLMnMz0vMAfljo8zizdxNTAwsV1A183A39LQwcQ_1DzSw93lwsvUz1w8EKDHAArwP9KGL041EQhd_4cP0ofFZ4ORrjVxAaCIOAx5KC3NAIg0xPRQAhLkH8/dz/d5/L2dBISEvZ0FBIS9nQSEh/	Number	<u>Numerator:</u> 91,608 <u>Denominator:</u> 511,548 <u>Baseline:</u> (91,608 / 511,548) * 365; 65.36 days in 2018	Additionally, to the above list; the values for administrative cases for 2016 are provided below (1 st , 2 nd and highest instance): <u>Baseline (2016):</u> Albania: 115; n.a.; n.a. Bosnia&H: 339; 666; n.a. Serbia: 539; n.a.; 65 Montenegro: 240; n.a.; 49 Turkey: 150; 1203; 907 Source: CEPEJ report 2018
		Number of cases that remains to be dealt with at the end of the year ⁸	Judicial council reports	Number	<u>Baseline:</u> 89,885 cases	<u>NOTE:</u> a different indicator is available: Number of remaining cases at the end of the year per 100 inhabitants (for 1 st instance civil and criminal cases; no data about 2 nd and 3 rd instance cases): Albania: 0.4; 0.14 Bosnia &H: 7.2; 3.76 Montenegro: 3.4; 2.82 Serbia: 3.4; 5.48

⁶ Number of resolved and pending cases including non-litigation cases as well as non-judiciary administrative work of judges

⁷ All types of litigation cases in all courts

⁸ Number of resolved and pending cases does not include: non-litigation cases as well as non-judiciary administrative work of judges

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						Turkey: 2.2; 1.35 Source: CEPEJ report 2018
		Number of cases that remains to be dealt with at the end of the year ⁹	Judicial council reports http://sud.mk/wps/portal/ssrm/sud/izvestai/svi/lut/p/z1/04_Sj9CPykssy0xPLMnMz0vMAfij08zizdxNTAwsvA183A39LQwcQ_1DzSw93lwsvUz1w8EKDHAArwP9KGL041EQhd_4cP0ofFZ4ORrjVxAaCIOAx5KC3NALq0xPRQAhLkH8/dz/d5/l2dBISEvZ0FBIS9nQSEh/	Number	Baseline: 91,608 cases in 2018	NOTE: a different indicator is available: No of remaining administrative cases at 1 st instance at the end of the year (no data for civil and criminal cases; no data for 2 nd and 3 rd instance administrative cases) Albania: 3,561 Bosnia &H: 8,094 Montenegro: 2,719 Serbia: 28,161 Turkey: 155,327
Quality Judicial system is provided with conditions/resources to fulfil its mission.	5. Public budget allocated to the Judicial system	Annual Public final budget allocated to the functioning of the judicial system	CEPEJ https://rm.coe.int/macedonia/16808d027c	Number	Baseline: 41,935,302 euro in 2016 Calculation: 29,899,055 (courts) + 11,753,367 (prosecution) + 282,880 (legal aid) <u>Explanation:</u> the budget includes budget for the Judicial Council, the Council for determining the facts and initiating a procedure for determining responsibility for	Baseline (2016): (courts + prosecution + legal aid = total) Albania: 15,903,916 + 13,771,074 + 202,096 = 29,877,086 EUR Bosnia&H: 86,590,466 + 25,467,215 + n.a. = 112,057,681 EUR

⁹ Number of resolved and pending cases including non-litigation cases as well as non-judiciary administrative work of judges

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					a judge, the Academy for Judges and Public Prosecutors and all courts. The budget for prosecution offices includes budget for the Prosecution Council and all prosecution offices, including Specialized prosecution office.	Montenegro: 27,664,139 + 8,379,408 + n.a.= 36,043,547 EUR Serbia: n.a. + n.a. + n.a. Turkey. n.a. + n.a. + 90,761,996 EUR Source: CEPEJ report
	6. Judges and prosecutors	Number of judges/prosecutors per 100 000 inhabitants.	Judicial council http://sud.mk/wps/portal/ssrm/sud/izvestai/ Public prosecution office http://jorm.gov.mk/?cat=8 SSO Crime statistics http://makstat.stat.gov.mk/PX_Web/pxweb/en/MakStat/MakStat_Naselenie_ProcenkiNaselenie/115_Popis_RM_1St_ar_Dec_eng.px/table/tableVie_wLayout2/?rxid=46ee0f64-2992-4b45-a2d9-cb4e5f7ec5ef	Number	Judges: Numerator: 540 Denominator: 2,075,301 Baseline: (540 /2,075,301) * 100,000; 26 judges per 100,000 inhabitants in 2017 Prosecutors: Numerator: 197 Denominator: 2,075,301 Baseline: (197 /2,075,301) * 100,000; 9.54 prosecutors per 100,000 inhabitants	Baseline (2016): Judges: Albania:12.6 Bosnia&H: 28.9 Montenegro: 51.3 Serbia: 38.5 Turkey: 14.1 Prosecutors: Albania: 11.2 Bosnia&H: 10.9 Montenegro: 16.6 Serbia: 8.8 Turkey: 6.0 Source: CEPEJ report 2018
	7. Staff assigned to judges and prosecutors	Number of staff assigned to judges/prosecutor divided by total number of judges and prosecutors.	CEPEJ https://rm.coe.int/macedonia/16808d027c	Number	Staff assigned to judges: Numerator: 2,225 Denominator: 566 Baseline: (2,225 / 566); 3.93 staff per judge in 2016	Baseline (2016): Judges: Albania:2.5 Bosnia&H: 3.1 Montenegro: 3.0 Serbia: 3.5

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					Staff assigned to prosecutors: Numerator: 392 Denominator: 173 Baseline: (392 / 173); 2.26 staff per prosecutor	Turkey: n.a. Prosecutors: Albania: n.a. Bosnia&H: 1.8 Montenegro: 1.8 Serbia: 2.0 Turkey: n.a. Source: CEPEJ report 2018
	8. Public budget allocated to legal aid/Judicial system budget	Annual public budget allocated to legal aid divided by the total public budget allocated to the Judicial system.	CEPEJ https://rm.coe.int/macedonia/16808d027c	%	Numerator: 282,880 Denominator: 41,935,302 Baseline: (282,880 / 41,935,302) *100; 0.67 % in 2016	Baseline (2016): Albania: 0.7 % Turkey: 6.2 % Montenegro: no data Serbia: no data Bosnia &H: no data Source: CEPEJ report
	9. Success rate of legal aid	Percentage of people receiving free legal aid and convicted against percentage of people assisted by a private lawyer and convicted		%	To be further discussed the availability of data and their collection	no data found
CRIMINAL JUSTICE/PENITENTIARY SYSTEM						
	10. Conviction rate ¹⁰	Number of convicted perpetrators divided by the number of accused perpetrators per year.	SSO Crime statistics – special query	%	Baseline: 84.50 % for 2017 Explanation: It is necessary to consider all the accused perpetrators in the year X (for instance in 2016) and to see	no data found

¹⁰ The Indicator shows rate only for convicted adult perpetrators

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					<p>how many of them is convicted in the following years. In order to take into account that trials have different duration, the indicator will have to be corrected on the basis of the percentage of completed trials.</p> <p>For instance: if in 2016 100 persons are accused and by the end of 2017 90 trials are completed with 80 persons convicted and 10 persons acquitted, the conviction rate for 2016 till the end of 2017 is equal to 80/90, i.e. 89% (on a 90% sample). However, in 2018 the number of completed trials might be of 98 with 85 persons convicted and 13 acquitted. The conviction rate for 2016 till the end of 2018 is equal to 85/98, i.e. 87% (on a 98% sample).</p> <p>Alternatively, it can be calculated (in a less accurate way) taking into account the number of accused people in the period X0 – Xn and the number of people convicted</p>	

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	11. Recidivism rate¹¹	Number of re-offenders ¹² divided by the number of convicted perpetrators.	SSO Crime statistics http://makstat.stat.gov.mk/PXWeb/pxweb/en/MakStat/MakStat_Sudstvo/425_SK2_mLT-18_px.px/table/tableViewLayout2/?rxid=46ee0f64-2992-4b45-a2d9-cb4e5f7ec5ef	%	for corruption in the period X1 – X n+1. It is calculated taking into account the number of convicted people in one year that were already convicted at least once in the past and the total number of convicted people in the same year. Numerator: 940 Denominator: 6,273 Baseline: (940 / 6,273) *100; 14.98 % in 2017	NOTE: for some countries, with a different methodology, the values are available at Table 2 of the below doc, however it is not comparable because of different methodology https://d212y8ha88k086.cloudfront.net/manuscripts/16329/10d76233-0ccb-42bd-8719-d99f89d0000f_14970-denis_yukhnenko.pdf?doi=10.12688/wellcomeopenres.14970.1&numberOfBrowsableCollections=2&numberOfBrowsableInstitutionalCollections=0&numberOfBrowsableGateways=9
	11 bis. Prison recidivism rate	Number of re-offenders ¹³ in prisons divided by the number of total number of inmates in prison.	Administrative statistical data of the Administration for the execution of sanctions	%	The indicator Re-offenders Vs Total Convicted is calculated by dividing the number of re-offenders in prison by the total number of convicted in prison. For instance for 2017, it is calculated by dividing the total number of re-offenders in	NOTE: for some countries, with a different methodology, the values are available at Table 2 of the below doc, however it is not comparable because of different methodology

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¹² The number includes all previous convictions for similar and other crimes

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					prison for the three quarters of 2017 (1,536 + 1,494 + 1,488) by the total number of convicted in prison in the three quarters of 2017 (2,880 + 2,797 + 2,759), i.e. 53%.	https://d212y8ha88k086.cloudfront.net/manuscripts/16329/10d76233-0ccb-42bd-8719-d99f89d0000f_14970_-denis_yukhnenko.pdf?doi=10.12688/wellcomeopenres.14970.1&numberOfBrowsableCollections=2&numberOfBrowsableInstitutionalCollections=0&numberOfBrowsableGateways=9
	12. Inmates¹⁴ trained rate	Number of inmates attaining training programmes divided by the total number of prisoners.	Administration for the execution of sanctions	%	Numerator: 88 Denominator: 2,677 Baseline: (88 / 2,677) *100; 3.3 % in 2017	no data found
	13. Alternative sanctions rate	Number of convicted perpetrators under alternative measures ¹⁵ divided by the number of	SSO Crime statistics http://makstat.stat.gov.mk/PXWeb/pxweb/en/MakStat/MakStat_Sudstvo/275_SK2_mlT-13_px.px?rxid=46ee0f64-	%	Numerator: 3,534 Denominator: 6,273 Baseline: (3,534 /6,273) *100;	no data found

¹⁴ The indicator includes perpetrators in prisons

¹⁵ Alternative measures are used for less grave crimes and when that is not absolutely necessary to sentence the perpetrator includes:

- conditional conviction (sentence shall not be enforced if the convicted within the time period determined by the court, which cannot be less than one or more than five years, does not commit another crime);
- conditional conviction with protective supervision (when it finds that the conditional conviction shall not have sufficient influence upon the offender not to commit new crimes again);
- conditional cessation of the criminal procedure (when law prescribes a fine or an imprisonment sentence of up to one year, and after the consent of the damaged party, provided that the perpetrator will not perform another crime within the time period of the cessation of the procedure);
- community service (when the law prescribes a fine or an imprisonment sentence of up to three years, should the crime be committed under alleviating conditions and the perpetrator has not been previously convicted);
- court reprimand (for crimes for which a sentence imprisonment of up to one year or a fine are prescribed, and which were committed under such alleviating circumstances which make it especially petty, and
- house arrest (if the offender of the crime for which the law prescribes a fine or an imprisonment of up to five years is old and weary, severely ill or pregnant woman, and if the court sentence him/her to imprisonment of up to three years).

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		total convicted perpetrators.	2992-4b45-a2d9-cb4e5f7ec5ef		56.33 % in 2017	
Fight against corruption The government/administration and businesses, capture, analyse and share data to prevent, detect and deter corrupt behaviour.	14. Fight against corruption	Perceptions of the extent to which public power is exercised for private gain, including both petty and grand forms of corruption, as well as "capture" of the state by elites and private interests	Corruption perception report https://www.transparency.org/country/MKD The 2018 CPI is based on data published in the previous two years and uses 13 data sources from 12 independent institutions specialising in governance and business climate analysis. It includes only sources that provide a score for a set of countries/territories and that measure expert perceptions of corruption in the public sector.	Composite indicator	Baseline: score 37/100 in 2018 Explanation: a score from 0 (highly corrupt) to 100 (very clean)	Baseline (2018): Albania: 36 Bosnia&H: 38 Montenegro: 45 Serbia: 39 Turkey: 41 https://www.transparency.org/country
		Perception of the degree of corruption The indicator measures whether officials in executive, judicial and legislative branches use public office for private gain	Rule of Law Index https://worldjusticeproject.org/our-work/research-and-data/wjp-rule-of-law-index-2019	Composite indicator	Baseline (2018): score 0.47 Explanation: The scores range from 0 to 1, where 1 signifies the highest possible score (strong adherence to rule of law) and 0 signifies the lowest possible score (weak adherence to rule of law). 0.40 & below weaker adherence to the rule of law 0.81 & above stronger adherence to the rule of law	Baseline (2018): Albania: 0.35 Bosnia&H: 0.44 Montenegro: no data Serbia: 0.44 Turkey: 0.48 https://worldjusticeproject.org/our-work/research-and-data/wjp-rule-of-law-index-2019 (Select: absence of corruption indicator)
	15. Corruption	Number of perpetrators convicted based on	SSO Crime statistics – special query	%	Explanation: It is necessary to consider all the accused perpetrators for corruption in	Baseline (2013): NOTE: data is available for some EU MSs

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	conviction rate	corruption offences ¹⁶ divided by the total number of persons accused on corruption offences			<p>the year X (for instance in 2016) and to see how many of them is convicted in the following years. In order to take into account that trials have different duration, the indicator will have to be corrected on the basis of the percentage of completed trials.</p> <p>For instance: if in 2016 100 persons are accused for corruption and by the end of 2017 90 trials are completed with 80 persons convicted and 10 persons acquitted, the corruption conviction rate for 2016 till the end of 2017 is equal to 80/90, i.e. 89% (on a 90% sample). However in 2018 the number of completed trials might be of 98 with 85 persons convicted and 13 acquitted. The corruption conviction rate for 2016 till the end of 2018 is equal to 85/98, i.e. 87% (on a 98% sample).</p> <p>Alternatively, it can be calculated (in a less accurate way) taking into account the number of accused people</p>	<p>Belgium: 18 / 110 = 0.16 Bulgaria: 99 / 156 = 0.63 Croatia: 65 / 343 = 0.18 Denmark: 2 / 8 = 0.25 Estonia: 29 / 257 = 0.11 Finland: 2 / 46 = 0.04 France: 95 / 331 = 0.28 Hungary: 289 / 2,185 = 0.13 Latvia: 82 / 158 = 0.51 Luxemburg: 5 / 8 = 0.62 Malta: 0 / 8 = 0 Netherland: 11 / 18 = 0.61 Romania: 143 / 1,982 = 0.07 Slovakia: 97 / 110 = 0.88</p> <p>https://ec.europa.eu/transparency/regexpert/index.cfm?do=groupDetail.groupDetailDoc&id=21215&no=2 (no database available on Eurostat)</p>

¹⁶ It includes all criminal acts under Chapter 30 "Criminal acts against official duty"

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					for corruption in the period X0 – Xn and the number of people convicted for corruption in the period X1 – X n+1.	
Fundamental Rights	16. Violations of Fundamental Rights declared by the ECHR	Execution Judgements of ECHR To be proposed by the Ministry of Justice	To be proposed by the Ministry of Justice	To be proposed by the Ministry of Justice	The indicator will be based on the number of satisfactory and unsatisfactory executions of the Committee of Ministers of the ECHR $23 / 52 = 0.442$	Baseline (2018): No of cases closed by final resolution / total pending cases Albania: 18 / 37 = 0.486 Bosnia&H: 21 / 24 = 0.875 Montenegro: 19 / 14 = 1.35 (2017) Serbia: 52 / 148 = 0.351 (2017) Turkey: 372 / 1,237 = 0.3 https://www.coe.int/en/web/execution/country-factsheets
	17. Freedom of expression	Measures whether an independent media, civil society organizations, political parties, and individuals are free to	Rule of Law Index ¹⁷ https://worldjusticeproject.org/our-work/research-and-data/wjp-rule-of-law-index-2019	Composite indicator	Baseline: score 0.49 in 2018 <u>Explanation:</u> The scores range from 0 to 1, where 1 signifies the highest possible score (strong)	Baseline (2018): Albania: 0.55 Bosnia&H: 0.43 Montenegro: no data Serbia: 0.48

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	<p><i>Freedom to hold opinions and to receive and impart information and ideas without interference by public authority</i></p>	<p>report and comment on government policies without fear of retaliation.</p> <p>Evaluates in the questionnaire are pluralism, media independence, media environment and self-censorship, legislative framework, transparency, and the quality of the infrastructure that supports the production of news and information.</p>	<p>Reporter without borders Index https://rsf.org/en/ranking_table</p>	<p>Composite indicator</p>	<p>adherence to rule of law) and 0 signifies the lowest possible score (weak adherence to rule of law). 0.40 & below weaker adherence to the rule of law 0.81 & above stronger adherence to the rule of law</p> <p>Baseline: score 31.66 in 2019 score 32.43 in 2018 score 35.74 in 2017</p> <p>Explanation: From 0 to 15 points: Good situation From 15.01 to 25 points: Satisfactory situation From 25.01 to 35 points:: Problematic situation From 35.01 to 55 points:: Difficult situation From 55.01 to 100 points:: Very serious situation</p> <p>RSF has developed an online questionnaire with 87 questions. Scores are calculated on the basis of the responses of the experts selected by RSF combined with the data on abuses and violence against journalists during the period evaluated.</p>	<p>Turkey: 0.25 https://worldjusticeproject.org/our-work/research-and-data/wjp-rule-of-law-index-2019 (Select: Indicator 4.4 for each country)</p> <p>Baseline (2019): Albania: 29.84 Bosnia&H: 29.02 Montenegro: 32.74 Serbia: 31.18 Turkey: 50.05 https://rsf.org/en/ranking_table</p>

